

Althea Brown

Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers



Althea Brown is a specialist in employment, equality law, both public and private law and Professional Discipline and Regulation. She accepts instructions both as a barrister and a mediator.

Althea Brown has a specialist practice in the 'core' civil liberties fields of employment, equality law and professional discipline and regulation. As well as her practice as a barrister, Althea is also a busy mediator.

Her employment and non employment discrimination law practice encompass cases brought in the private and public law arena. Althea's practice is claimant based and she has successfully and regularly arguing cases in employment tribunals, the County Court, High Court and the Court of Appeal. She is regularly instructed in substantial multi party claims which are high value, technically and legally complex and lengthy.

Althea is regularly instructed in high profile cases and is commended for her skill in successfully tackling claims which are factually, technically and legally complex, which often involve lengthy hearings requiring forensic cross examination of witnesses (including experts) and which are frequently sensitive and controversial.

Althea is also accredited to accept public access instructions.

Dr Tunde Okewale MBE

Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers



Tunde Okewale MBE is a leading junior Barrister at the Criminal Bar. An outstanding advocate, he has exceptional presence and skill in front of a jury.

Tunde established his practice in general and serious crime. A string of serious and high profile cases have earned him a reputation as meticulous, diligent and. Tunde regularly undertakes appellate work in the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court. In a case, the first of its kind, Tunde set a precedent by working with a University Pro Bono Society who referred the case of Dwaine George to the Court of Appeal. Tunde successfully overturned his wrongful conviction.

Tunde is heavily sought after in areas of business and financial crime. He has advised a number of high profile individuals as well as companies in relation to money laundering and anti corruption regulations.

His practice varies and sees him undertaking work in an array of fields. From advising crypto currency company, Stratis Platform, and the creation of alternative hedge funds, to appearing before sporting and professional regulatory tribunals.

Tunde is an FA registered intermediary who is building a reputation on advising and representing footballers, boxers and Olympic athletes. His most recent clients include Christopher George, four-time defending national Judo champion of Trinidad and Tobago and Ekow Essuman former Team GB welterweight and undefeated professional boxer. He advises athletes and clubs in relation to brand management, contractual matters, confidentiality and reputation management.

His flourishing practice and talents have been recognized by his professional peers when he was awarded the Young Barrister of the Year award and was a finalist for the "Young Legal Aid Barrister of the Year" award.

Tunde also writes and speaks regularly on his areas of legal specialty and is happy to take cases on a direct access basis.

David Lammy MP

Member of Parliament for Tottenham

Associate Tenant, Doughty Street Chambers



Born in Tottenham, north London, David was awarded a choral scholarship to The King's School, a state boarding school in Peterborough. David graduated with a Bachelors of Law from the School of Oriental and African Studies, before becoming the first Black Briton to attend Harvard Law School, where he graduated with a Master of Law degree in 1997. He then practised as a barrister in England and as an attorney in the United States.

In 2000, aged 27, David became the then youngest Member of Parliament, representing Tottenham. Since entering Parliament, he served for nine years as a Minister in the Blair and Brown governments, in several departments including the Department of Constitutional Affairs, the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills.

As an opposition backbencher, David gained reputation for being one of Parliament's most successful campaigning MPs. Often involved in high profile cases affecting his constituents- Victoria Climbié, Baby P and Mark Duggan. In January 2016, the then Prime Minister, David Cameron, asked David to lead an independent review into the treatment of, and outcomes for, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals in the criminal justice system. The Lammy Review was published in September 2017, and many of its recommendations continue to guide government policy to this day.

David led the campaign to guarantee the right of Commonwealth nationals impacted by the Windrush scandal, prompting the government to establish the Windrush Lessons Learned Review and compensation scheme. He has also been at the forefront of the struggle for justice for families impacted by the Grenfell Tower fire, helping to secure an independent inquiry, as well as compensation scheme for victims. In 2018, David was awarded Politician of The Year by The Political Studies Association and GQ Magazine, as well as Campaigner of The Year by The Spectator magazine.

In April 2020, David was appointed Shadow Secretary of State for Justice and Shadow Lord Chancellor.

David is the author of two books: 'Out of the Ashes' (2011), which examines the causes of the 2011 London riots, as well as 'Tribes: How Our Need to Belong Can Make or Break Society' (2020) which explores solutions to the tribalism that has gripped politics in the 21st century. David is a member of the Privy Council and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He holds an honorary doctorate from the University of East London, and is a fellow of the University of Birckbeck, St John's College Durham and City Lit.

Leila Thomas

Urban Synergy CEO and Founder

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Leila Thomas is a Network Rationalisation Manager at Refinitiv and the CEO and Founder of Urban Synergy who are an accredited Mentoring and Befriending Charity founded in 2007. Urban Synergy supports Black and Minority Ethnic and disadvantaged students, aged 10-18 years, to reach their full potential through innovative programmes of one-to-one mentoring, role model and academic seminars, work shadowing experience, and life skills training. During the COVID19 pandemic Leila has pivoted the charity's strategy and developed e-mentoring and e-seminars programmes.

Urban Synergy brings together individuals from a variety of professions, who voluntarily offer a young person guidance and encouragement, Urban Synergy's pool of mentors includes the likes of high-profile barristers, entrepreneurs, bankers and other professionals, media and entertainment industry professionals, scientists and even commercial pilots.

Leila has continuously been honoured for her work winning and has been awarded UK Social Mobility Award - Mentor of the Year 2018, Point of Light Award from Prime Minister David Cameron a European Diversity Award 2013, Business in the Community Race Equality Leadership Award and Thomson Reuters Community Champion 1st Prize.

She was also featured in News of the World 'Women of the Year', named in the 100 Influential Black People 2010 Power List, 2012 Black Youth Achievement Award for the best 'Personal Development Organisation of the Year, Leila was also a Precious Award finalist, and is a Common Purpose Graduate, and a Royal Society of Arts Fellow.

Leila has also served as Non-Executive Director for Board Apprentice which is a not for profit social franchise dedicated to increasing diversity on boards globally.

Leila is a diversity committee member of a Global corporate organisation championing diversity.

Leila has also been a Co -Opted secondary school governor from 2016-2020.

Urban Synergy has also been recognised by Parliamentary dignitaries.

Hannah Markham

Graveney Stories of Racism



Hannah is a Newly Qualified Teacher with six years' experience supporting the attainment, inclusion and progress of children with SEN. Working closely with a group of ex-students from Graveney School, Hannah helped create Graveney Stories of Racism - an anonymous social media platform for sharing stories of racial prejudice and discrimination at the school.

See [Campaign overview here.](#)

Mass Ndow-Njie

Bridging the Bar



Mass is in his second-six months of pupillage at Blackstone Chambers after spending his first six months at the Government Legal Department.

From an early age, Mass did not believe that a career at the legal Bar was possible for him, largely because he did not fit the conventional image of a practising barrister.

Recognising that his achievements in the law can inspire others, Mass has dedicated himself to opening the doors of opportunity for people from non-traditional backgrounds and has written numerous articles on the topic of diversifying the legal profession. Additionally, Mass regularly speaks at events across the UK aiming to motivate his audience.

In May 2020, Mass announced that he would be launching a new charity named 'Bridging the Bar' to support aspiring barristers from underrepresented backgrounds on their journeys to the bar. Bridging the Bar is set to launch in September 2020.

Dr David Dunkley Gyimah

Journalist/ Academic



Dr David Dunkley Gyimah is a designated global leader in his field in [videojournalism](#) and cinema journalism. His work is recognised by several platforms, publications and key news executives, such as [Apple](#), “Reimagining Journalism in Post-Truth World”, @Medium (Twitter’s platform) where he is one of their [top 20 global writers](#) in journalism, and Channel 4’s Jon Snow, who calls him an “[original](#)”.

He’s a journalist, filmmaker, producer, creative director and technologist who has previously worked for [Channel 4 News](#), ABC News and BBC’s [Reportage](#), [Newsnight](#), [Radio 4](#), and the World Service. He was a freelance correspondent based in South Africa during its Apartheid transition (92-94) reporting on its politics and [Nelson Mandela’s inauguration](#). He’s since worked and trained journalists in Russia, Lebanon, Algiers, Europe, India, China, Egypt, and near the Syrian border.

David is a previous [Artist in Residence at the Southbank Centre](#) for his work which fuses various disciplines. He’s worked with Professor Shirley Thompson OBE, a good friend, on Obama’s 100 Days event at the Southbank. He attributes his approach, in part to, as a [Ghanaian-Brit](#), being schooled at Prempeh College in Ghana. He’s currently engaged in several national projects around culture, diversity and inclusion, such as the [Leaders’ List](#) – an exhibition of black and brown producers. He sits on the advisory board for the British Library’s 2021 News Exhibition and has been a member of Chatham House, one of the UK’s leading think tanks for 25 years. His work has won several international awards, including the Knight Batten in the US for Innovation in Journalism for creating an online video platform, [www.viewmagazine.tv](#) before YouTube was created.

He based at [Cardiff University](#) as a senior lecturer in Emerging Journalism and Foreign News Reporting, is a [Visiting Professor](#) at UBC, Canada, and co-investigator for [Clwstwr](#) - an ambitious UK industrial strategy to create new products, experiences and services on screen in Wales. He speaks regularly and keynotes e.g. London’s [Guild of Entrepreneurs](#) on storytelling, technology, inclusion and entrepreneurialism. He tweets at [@viewmagazine](#).